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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in the above identified United States patent application.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15.

Conclusion and Request for Allowance begins on page 21.

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**RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP**

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AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION--TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. § 1.116) for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for one month:

Fee: \$120.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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| Total | 62 | Minus | 72 | = 0 | x \$50 = | \$0 |
| Indep. | 6 | Minus | 7 | = 0 | x \$200 = | \$0 |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | | + \$360 = | \$0 |
| | | | | | Total Addit. Fee | \$0 |

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No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE PAYMENT

5. Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of **\$120.00** for one month extension to Credit card as shown on the attached credit card information authorization form PTO-2038.

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FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 06-0540.
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OTHER

7. Other Enclosures

Form-2038 - Credit Card Information Authorization Form
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Respectfully submitted,

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